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AMENDMENT

Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action dated November 6, 2002, please amend the above-identified patent application as follows.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please cancel claims 8 and 14 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend claim 1 as follows. Attached as an appendix hereto is a marked-up version of the changes made herein. The attached page is captioned "Version with Markings to Show Changes Made."

1. (Amended) An optical modulation element capable of forming a reflective diffraction grating in which heights of a plurality of elements each having a reflecting surface periodically change,

wherein the reflecting surface of at least one of the plurality of elements is supported in a length direction by a piezoelectric element when driven in a direction of height by the piezoelectric element.

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